MONTGOMERY COUNTY OFFICIALS UPDATE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Status Update from the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY – Montgomery County Public Health District, in conjunction with Montgomery County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, can confirm the number of ACTIVE cases of COVID-19 has increased to 503 today. That number includes 57 hospitalizations. 277 people have fully recovered. The number of total positive cases has increased 25 since yesterday to 798. With increased testing in Montgomery County, we do expect a continued rise in positive cases.

Three COVID-19 drive-thru testing sites are opening today in the Walmart parking lots at the locations provided below. The sites are supported by Walmart, *e*TrueNorth and state and local officials to test anyone who meets CDC and state and local guidelines on who should be tested, including first responders, health care providers and others with symptoms of COVID-19 and those in high risk groups without symptoms.

Those interested in being tested need to visit www.DoINeedaCOVID19test.com to see if eligible for testing and to make an appointment.

- **20310 US 59, New Caney, TX 77357**
- **18700 Highway 105 W., Conroe, TX 77356**
- **1025 Sawdust Rd., Spring, TX 77380**

"Walmart is part of the community, and we are proud to help support the expansion of COVID-19 testing in Montgomery County during this unprecedented time," said Laurie Smalling Letts, Walmart Public Affairs Director for Texas. "We are grateful to our associates who keep our stores running, our pharmacists who support these testing sites, and to *e*TrueNorth and local officials as we work together to open the site and help our community."

Details on the COVID-19 testing site:
- Beginning today, the site is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays weekly 7 a.m. to 9 a.m., weather permitting.
- **Appointments must be made through *e*TrueNorth's online portal at www.DoINeedaCOVID19test.com**, which will screen individuals to ensure they meet CDC eligibility for testing.
- For questions regarding testing, call 800-635-8611.
- Those being tested will need to wear as mask and stay in their cars for verification of eligibility criteria, ID check and self-administered test. For the safety of all those on-site, the test site is not available to those who walk up.
- The site will use a self-administered nasal swab test that will allow those being tested to swab their own nose onsite while in their vehicles, observed by a trained medical volunteer to ensure the sample is taken correctly, and then dropped in the sealed sample into a container on their way out of the drive-through site.
- *e*TrueNorth will handle processing test samples and communicating results to those tested and applicable Departments of Health.
- The site will be staffed by Walmart healthcare professionals
- Please note, testing is not available inside Walmart stores.
- While individuals who are tested are awaiting results, please follow CDC guidelines and take steps to help prevent the virus from spreading to people in your home and community.

For everyone's safety and for the privacy of those being tested, media should not attempt to enter the testing site and stay in the designated media area.

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